

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76605

Takayasu KOMATSU, et al.

Appln. No.: Divisional of Serial No. 09/189,977

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For: **ETCHING SUBSTRATE MATERIAL, ETCHING PROCESS, AND ARTICLE
OBTAINED BY ETCHING**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/189,977 filed November 12, 1998; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.